

This is in regards to SB 1110, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118

We oppose all of these proposed bills!!

Our family experienced great devastation at the hands of a negligent physician back in 2000. Our family physician who insisted that she could give my unborn child and I the best of care and handle our delivery let us down at our delivery. My labor wasn't progressing and my son was severely stuck in the birth canal. This physician was asked by us and several staff members of the hospital to consult an OB for a C-section. This physician taught vacuum delivery and had residents with her so she insisted she could get my son out. She did eventually get him out but not before starving him of oxygen and causing devastating trauma to him. My son suffered severe permanent brain damage, CP, and seizure disorder. He couldn't walk, talk, eat, sit up or do any care for himself and required continuous tube feeding. He required lots of care physically, and medically for the rest of his life. The passing of these bills will allow physicians to continue to be negligent and damage more innocent lives and keep these innocents from receiving the care they deserve and most likely would not be able to afford. We carried health insurance but there is a cap on how long my son would have been covered. Also we always had to argue about what was considered medically necessary . ie: they would pay for tube feeding bags but the prescription formula was not medically necessary, they would cover therapy for two months but if he didn't make progress to their liking then they cancelled therapy. A child with CP make a very slow and slight progress over the entire life it is not fair for an unconcerned person to determine how much care they and the family needs or deserves. When we decide to have children it is our responsibility to take care of them but when a physician is negligent (and it is proven) they must be held accountable for their negligence. There is no way our family could have afforded the multiple medications, all the equipment that is needed to care for a person severe brain damage. The extra medically trained care givers needed to assist with care because you can not just get the teenager down the road to babysit so you can go to work or get out of the house at all. We love our son dearly and life isn't the same without him but it still isn't fair that he and our family had to suffer this negligence and I am grateful that the judge made our physician be accountable so we could comfortably take care of him and make sure he had all the medical care and equipment necessary to give him the best life possible.

It is our right as American's to be able to file a law suit when we have been wronged, prove the negligence , and receive compensation for a lifetime of great need with out caps and time limits. Really it is the innocent child's right who didn't ask for this to happen. Currently there are bills out there trying to reduce Medicaid funding. The "normal" life has already been taken away from these children and their families, please do not allow negligent physicians get away with "murder" and allow the necessary care and funds also be taken away.

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